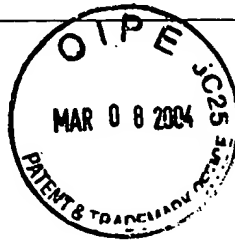


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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for one-month.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ A check including the **\$55.00** extension fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, except the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-0100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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